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Surprise visits made by the Minister for Health to Government Hospitals in the City.

* 14 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state how many times he has made surprise visits to the Government Hospitals in the City from 1952 up to date?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Visits with short notice are made occasionally."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Health Minister definitely how many times he has made surprise visits to hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Usually I visit hospitals giving only one or two hours' notice or so. It is rather difficult for a Member of the Government to make surprise visits unless he disguises himself."

Division of the State into three groups of districts.

* 15 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there was a proposal to constitute the districts of the State into three divisions for administrative convenience and if so, when it will be implemented?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes. There was a proposal to divide the State into three groups of districts and to transfer the functions of the Board of Revenue to three Divisional or Regional Commissioners. The proposal has since been dropped and orders have been issued to the effect that the Board should continue to function as it is but that the Commissioner for Land Revenue should be in charge of the various developmental activities in the State."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இந்த ராஜ்யத்தில் டிவிஷன்கள் ஏற்படுத்துவதன் மூலமாக . . . " .

MR. SPEAKER :—" The proposal has been dropped."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, what induced the Government to divide the State into three such regions initially and what transpired afterwards to drop the proposal? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It was never divided. There was a proposal that there should be three regions, with Regional Commissioners. The proposal was examined in all its aspects and after consultation with the various departments, Government came to the conclusion that such a step need not be taken."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :— " இப்பொழுது இருக்கக்கூடிய கலெக்டருக்கு அதிகாரம் அப்படியே இருக்கிறதா ? அல்லது அதன் மூலமாக குறைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? "